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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel all of the claims in this application, and replace by the following new claims:

36. (New) A polymer electrolyte membrane which includes a polymer having a moiety of formula